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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES

Claims 3, 5-10 and 10-13 were amended as follows:

- 3. The method according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the region of a factor relating to the poly (A) addition of the mRNA is a base sequence having AATAAA like sequence.
- 5. The method according to [any one of claims 1-4] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein the modification of base sequence in the region of a factor relating to the poly (A) addition of the mRNA is performed based on a codon usage of the useful higher plant to be transformed.
- 6. The method according to [any one of claims 1-5] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein the modification of base sequence is performed so that the region rich in base G and base T is reduced.
- 7. The method according to [any one of claims 1-6] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein the modification of base sequence comprises small difference between base G and base C covering throughout the region of gene to be introduced.
- 8. The method according to [any one of claims 1-7] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein the modification of base sequence is performed so as not to have ATTTA sequence.
- 9. The method according to [any one of claims 1-8] <u>claim 1</u>, characterized by having Kozak sequence in the upstream of the initiation codon of the gene to be introduced.
- 10. The method according to [any one of claims 1-9] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein the gene to be introduced encodes a protein involved in absorption of nutrition.

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13. The method according to [any one of claims 1-12] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein the useful plant is grass.

- 14. The method according to [any one of claims 1-12] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein the useful plant is tobacco.
- 15. A transformed useful plant which can be produced by the method according to [claims 1-14] claim 1.

Claims 17-21 were cancelled.